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To The City Council of Mt. Vernon,
Illinois.

Mr. Mayor and Members of The City Council:

I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the Board of Directors of The Mount Vernon Public Library for the year beginning June 1, 1916 and ending May 31, 1917.

I. Funds.

Receipts

From delinquent tax, July 5, 1916- - - - -	\$ 807.00
From general tax, April 26, 1917 - - - - -	2000.00
Fines, damages and lost books- - - - -	<u>48.84</u>
	\$2853.84

Expenditures

Overdraft June 1, 1916- - - - -	\$ 230.54
Heat- - - - -	137.00
Light- - - - -	74.24
Water- - - - -	9.14
Repairs and improvements- - - - -	207.05
Furniture and fixtures- - - - -	4.50
Salaries- - - - -	641.34
Janitor service and care of lawn- - - - -	149.35
Books- - - - -	167.01
Periodicals- - - - -	83.30
Binding- - - - -	53.09
Printing - - - - -	12.05
Stationery and catalog supplies- - - - -	28.65
Postage, freight, express and drayage- - - - -	11.46
Miscellaneous- - - - -	<u>11.99</u>
	\$1820.71
Balance on hand- - - - -	<u>1033.13</u>
	\$2853.84

II. Books and Periodicals.

Number of volumes at beginning of year- - - - -	4073
Number of volumes added by purchase- - - - -	153
Number of volumes added by gift- - - - -	22
Number of volumes of magazines bound- - - - -	30
Total additions during the year- - - - -	205
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn- - - - -	121
Total number of volumes at end of year- - - - -	4157
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently <i>received</i> received	39

III. Registration and Visitors.

Number of borrowers registered at beginning of year- - -	1950
Number of borrowers registered during year- - -	252

Number of borrowers' cards canceled- - - - -	23
Number of borrowers' cards reregistered- - - - -	13
Number of borrowers' cards in force at date- - - - -	2192
Visitors to reading rooms during the year- - - - -	4968

IV. Circulation.

Total circulation during the year- - - - -	12305
Largest daily circulation- - - - -	110
Smallest daily circulation- - - - -	12
Average daily circulation- - - - -	30
Hours open each week- - - - -	42
Number of days open during the year- - - - -	309

In general the work of the library has shown a distinct improvement over that of the preceding year. The only important decrease in business was in the circulation of books, the total being 12, 305 compared to 13,110 for last year. The explanation for this is the fact that for six weeks during a small pox epidemic circulation was discontinued.

The new plans for the coming year include the following items: (1) The purchase of a much larger number of books than last year; (2) the establishment of a museum, provided adequate cases for the relics can be secured and the public induced to co-operate; (3) the beginning of the work of beautifying the grounds in accordance with a special design we hope to have prepared by an expert landscape gardener.

Respectfully submitted,

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President of Board of Directors.

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